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FOR US DEL TO BANK/FUND MEETING

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TAGS: IBRD, TW, CH

SUBJECT: CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN IMF/IBRD

REF: STATE 237869

1. EMBOFF AND FINATT MET WITH MOFA (TAGUI OF CHINA DIVISION) AND MOF (USTUMI) RESPECTIVELY CONCERNING CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN IMF/IBRD. FINAL GOJ POSITION HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED, BUT BOTH MOFA AND MOF BELIEVE IT WILL BE EXACTLY THE SAME AS LAST YEAR'S. IN VIEW OF SINO-JAPANESE COMMUNIQUE ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, IF CHIREP ISSUE COMES TO A VOTE, JAPAN WILL HAVE TO VOTE FOR PRC ENTRY. JAPAN CANNOT TAKE ANY POSITIVE ACTION THAT WOULD PREVENT THE PRC FROM JOINING IMF/IBRD. GOJ WOULD, HOWEVER, AUPPORT COUNTER-RESOLUTION TO LEAVE CHIREP QUESTION IN THE HANDS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS UNLESS IT IS SO FRAMED AS TO APPEAR TO BE AN OBVIOUS DELAYING TACTIC.

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2. NEITHER FOREIGN OFFICE NOR FIN MIN HAS

ANY INDICATION THAT THE PRC WANTS TO JOIN THE IMF/IBRD;
NOR HAS IT HEARD OF ANY THIRD COUNTRY'S INTENTION
TO RAISE THE ISSUE THIS YEAR. CONSENSUS AMONG
FOREIGN OFFICE CHINA EXPERTS IS, TAGUI SAID, THAT
CHINA WOULD BE VERY RELUCTANT TO INCUR IMF OBLIGATIONS
TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION ON CHINA'S DOMESTIC ECONOMY,
TRADE AND FINANCIAL CONDITION. SINCE CHINA HAS NOT
YET RESPONDED TO IMF LETTER ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION
OF THE PRC'S INTENTION, FOREIGN OFFICE AGREES THAT
CHIREP QUESTION VERY LIKELY WILL BE MOOT.
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